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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): SAITOH et al  
Serial No.: 10/019,957  
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For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING HYDROXYLATED FATTY  
ACIDS AND  $\delta$ -LACTONES  
Group: 1651  
Examiner: Saucier

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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December 17, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 17, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as set forth herein. This paper includes the following items:

**Amendment to the Claims;** and  
**Remarks.**